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SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF AD-70 COMPLETED ITS REVISION OF THE DRAFT " SPRING MINISTERIAL REPORT 1973" (AC/281- D(73)1) ON MORNING MAY 11. REVIEWED VERSION IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED BY MAY 15. FINAL READING IN EWG WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 22, WITH DPC ACTION EXPECTED MAY 28.

CONSIDERABLE EDITORIAL CHANGE WAS MADE IN TEXT. ALTHOUGH GENERAL THRUST OF DOCUMENT WAS MAINTAINED, OPTIMISM ON NATO FORCE CAPABILITIES WAS SHADED DOWN. EWG MAINTAINED EMPHASIS IN REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL AREAS OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE WHERE EARLY IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE, ALTHOUGH ALL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES CALLED FOR DELETION OF THIS FEATURE ON GROUNDS IT CONFLICTED WITH AGREED AD-70 PRIORITIES.

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1. EWG DEVOTED MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS MAY 10 AND MORNING SESSION MAY 11 TO REVIEW OF AC/281- D(73)1. APART FROM EDITORIAL CHANGES, WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE, MAIN DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TONE OF OPTIMISM IN REPORT,

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DESIGNATIN OF CRITICAL AREAS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION IN NATIONAL FORCE PLANNING, THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN IN REPORT TO A LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, AND THE DEGREE OF URGENCY TO BE ATTACHED TO NEW DEPARTURES IN COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS. FINALLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CHAPTER ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING SHOULD BE MADE SHORTER AND MORE FACTUAL.

2. ON GENERAL TONE OF PAPER (IS HAD ATTEMPTED TO PRECEDE THE " BAD NEWS" ASPECT OF EACH MAJOR AREA WITH A " GOOD NEWS" COVERAGE, AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS), EWG QUICKLY AGREED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF IMS REP (GENERAL TOMMASINI) THAT THE CONCLUSION (PARA 40) THAT " MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY " NOT ENOUGH IS BEING DONE."

3. ON CRITICAL AREAS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION (PARAS 19-24 OF SUMMARY CHAPTER), GENERAL MILLER (SHAPE) SUPPORTED BY ALL OTHER MILITARY REPS, URGED THAT THE LISTS BE DELETED AS INCONSISTENT WITH OR CONFLICTING WITH AD-70 AGREED PRIORITIES. QUINLAN(UK) TOOK LEAD IN FAVOR OF RETENTION OF LIST, WHICH HE DEFENDED AS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING PRIORITIES; HE URGED RETENTION ON GROUNDS MINISTERS MIGHT BE INDUCED TO DO SOMETHING MORE IN WAY OF FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IF A SHORT LIST WAS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION. EWG MEMBERS SUPPORTED UK ON THIS POINT.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION. QUINLAN ATTEMPTED TO WEAKEN TEXTS IN PARAS 32 AND 41 SO THAT REPORT WOULD MERELY INDICATE THAT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT OF NATO FORCES SHOULD BE ADEQUATE, WITHOUT ANY CLEAR JUDGMENT AS TO THE CURRENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS. EWG AGREED TO MINOR REDRAFTING BUT RESULTANT TEXT IS INTENDED TO CARRY THOUGHT THAT CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT DOES NOT OFFER FULL EFFECTIVENESS TO EXISTING AND PLANNED FORCES.

5. QUINLAN ALSO TOOK LEAD IN ATTACKING CONSLUSION THAT
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NATO COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS NEEDS MAJOR PUSH, OFFERING VIEW THAT CURRENT EFFORTS IN CNAD SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED INADEQUATE BEFORE THEY ARE GIVEN A CHANCE T PRODUCE EFFECTS. AGAIN, EWG AGREED TO MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES BUT PRESERVED GENERAL TONE OF CONCERN IN DRAFT REPORT OVER PROSPECTS IN THIS FIELD UNLESS MAJOR ATTENTION IS GIVEN AT HIGH LEVEL.

6. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE DATA, THE CHAPTER ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING SHOULD BE MADE LESS ASSERTIVE AND MORE FACTUAL. QUINLAN ATTEMPTED TO ELIMINATE MOST SECTIONS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY PARA 117(A), " BALANCE OF PAYMENTS," WHICH HE CATEGORIZED AS SPECIAL PLEADING FOR THE U. S.

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HOWEVER, EWG MAINTAINED GENERAL THRUST OF THE PARAGRAPH.

7. GREECE AND TURKEY TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION OF TEXT TO INSERT REFERENCES TO NEED FOR " ADEQUATE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE" (GREECE) AND FACT THAT NATO WILL " EXAMINE MEASURES" TO ACHIEVE GREATER ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE AND TURKEY (TURKEY). SECOND POINT, ON WHICH TURKEY PLACES GREAT EMPHASIS, APPEARS IN PARA 58 (CHAPTER III) AND BECOMES A FACT WHEN DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION ADOPTS DRAFT REPORT AS ITS REPORT TO MINISTERS.

8. SECTIONS ON CIVIL PREPAREDNESS WERE AMENDED TO SHOW THAT STATUS OF PROGRAM IN MOST INSTANCES OFFERS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS AND IN SOME INSTANCES IS SO DEFICIENT AS TO WEAKEN THE OVERALL DETERRENT (PARAS 37, 100).

9. COMMENT. AS A FIRST EFFORT TO CARRY OUT A BROAD REVIEW OF FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS, REVIEW MOVED INTO LITTLE NEW TERRITORY, I. E., REMAINED MOSTLY AT NON- ANALYTICAL LEVEL. HOWEVER BASIS HAS BEEN LAID FOR A BETTER REVIEW IN SPRING 1974, SINCE LACK OF ANALYSIS IN THIS FIRST REVIEW WAS EVIDENT TO SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. IF THIS POINT IS RAISED AT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF JUNE 7, EWG WOULD HAVE CLEAR DIRECTIVE TO PREPARE MORE FACTUAL DOCUMENT FOR MINISTERS IN 1974. WE THINK ULTIMATE MERIT OF EXERCISE LIES IN STOCK- TAKING, SO THAT MINISTERS MAY HAVE FIRM BASIS FOR DEFENSE DECISIONS.
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10. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON VIEWS ON NEW TEXT. WE WILL AGAIN SEND SUMMARY CHAPTER BY MESSAGE. PRENDERGAST WILL CARRY REVISED DRAFT TO WASHINGTON MAY 18. RUMSFELD

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